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OLIGONUCLEOTIDES EMPLOYING THE  
CYCLOADDITION BIOCONJUGATION  
METHOD.

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## AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.